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¶1. (U) Embassy made a strong case for the EU Presidency and Spain to issue statements regarding the Iran elections per reftel demarche. Alberto Ucelay, Deputy Director for Middle East Affairs at the Spanish MFA, said that they would consider our points, particularly with regard to the need for transparency. Spain will work within the EU context on this issue. Ucelay said that Spain shares our concerns about the fundamental flaws in Iran's electoral process. He anticipates there will be an EU statement that conveys a similar message, but he could not say when it would be issued.

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